

WEEK AHEAD

great camping facilities and with a good sprinkling of warm, dry weather, we say Glastonbury who?

3 ICE-CREAM TREAT

Speaking of good weather, here's guessing the summer will finally swing into action this weekend as the start of the party season gets going. Fancy an alternative to the smoky chicken grill 'n' tinfoiled spuds? Well, how about your very own ice-cream cart pulling up to your patio, offering scoops of baileys, caramel fudge, choc chip, rum & raisin and more? Waterford ice-cream experts Baldwin's can bring their traditional cart to your door for parties, weddings or BBQs this summer. Check out baldwinsicecream.com for a funky treat for you and your friends.

4 STARS FOR THE GUARD

Chances of hob-nobbing with Hollywood celebs are few and far between in Ireland these days, but you can share space with Brendan Gleeson and other Irish actors like Liam Cunningham, David Wilmot and Fionnuala Flanagan, and funnyman Pat Shortt, in Galway on Wednesday at the premiere of John Michael McDonagh's (brother of Martin) new movie *The Guard*.

Tickets for the movie, at the city's Eye cinema, can be booked by ringing the beneficiary, charity Ability West at (091) 540900.

5 FLOWER POWER IN GALWAY

The Galway Garden Festival takes place in Claregalway Castle on July 9-10. Glasnevin's Botanic Gardens director Matthew Jebb will be joined by an impressive panel of speakers celebrating the International Year of Forests, and specialist suppliers will also be displaying exotic and unusual plants. There will also be food stalls, gardening book stalls, live music, etc., all for a fiver. See galwaygardenfestival.com

6 BALLAD OF SUMMERFEST

If the line-up at Oxegen isn't your thing, you might want to head to Kanturk tonight for some good old-fashioned ballads when the rugby club hosts its Summerfest, featuring Bagatelle. Panama band The Vox are also on the line-up, along with Cork's own UV5. Proceeds in aid of ongoing development plans for the club. Tickets from the Alley bar on Strand Street and McCarthy's butchers. The fun kicks off at 6.30pm.

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